



## DRESS CODE (5<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup>)

GCA student dress is expected to be modest and in keeping with Christian principles. “Modest” means that clothing is loose fitting and covers the body according to directions below. Violation of any portion of the dress code may result in disciplinary action, with or without warning. GCA Dress Code aspires to create a look that is academically focused, characterized by confidence, comfort and creativity.

### **SHIRTS**

Uniform pieces are expected to fit correctly without being oversized, too tight, or worn as jackets. Shirts are to be in good condition, free from rips, holes and tears. Shirts may be worn untucked. However, at no time should the midriff be visible, including when the student is reaching up. If the administration deems an untucked shirt to be too short, the student may be asked to tuck the shirt in or put on an undershirt.

**Oxford Cloth Button Down – White only.** Short or long sleeved (no emblems). Buttoned up – no more than one button may be unbuttoned.

**Polo Style Shirts – White or navy.** Short or long sleeved (with collar); small manufacturer’s logo is allowed.

In season athletic team “Game Day Polo”, Fine Arts, Band/Choir, or Academic Team Shirts may be worn on game or production days.

### **SHORTS AND PANTS**

**Shorts – Navy or khaki** (Bermuda length), flat or pleated front. Knee length to 4” above the top of the knee (front and back); No frayed, baggy or sagging shorts and must fit at the waist. No athletic shorts, blue denim shorts, or cutoffs.

**Pants – Navy or khaki.** Pants must be hemmed with no holes. No frayed, baggy or sagging shorts and must fit at the waist. Twill/cotton blend flat or pleated front. No athletic wear, blue jeans, sleeping pants, scrubs, or similar wear. Women only (regular or capri length).

### **SKIRTS (WOMEN ONLY)**

**Skirts – Navy or khaki.** Length in front and back must reach 4” from the top of the kneecap (below mid-thigh), in front and back. If leggings or tights are worn, skirts still need to meet the length requirement.

### **OUTERWEAR**

Navy only. Sweaters, ¼, ½, or full-zip jacket, or crew-neck sweatshirt – can have small manufacturer’s logo (no larger than 2 inches) or must be GCA School Store approved outerwear. Only hoodies with GCA logo are approved. Students wearing anything other than what has been stated will be asked to remove the outerwear and keep it in their locker until after school hours. Outerwear does not count as a collared shirt. Rain jackets with hoods may be worn, though expected to be removed while in the building.



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### HAIR

**Men** – Clean and neat. Natural color. Cut above the collar in the back, combed out of the eyes in the front. Short braids or twists for afro-textured hair is allowed.

No facial hair or sideburns lower than the ear. No hair bands for men. Certain ethnic distinctions will be considered when in line with a student's heritage.

**Women** – Clean and neat. Natural Color. No distracting styles. Certain ethnic distinctions will be considered when in line with a student's heritage.

### DETAILS

All clothing must be clean, appropriately fitted, and free of tears, holes, and frayed hems.

Clothing should not have lettering or messages other than school logos.

No head coverings of any type including do-rags, bandanas, hats, visors, or hoods.

No visible tattoos; young women may have pierced ears, provided that earrings are modest and non-distracting. No other visible piercings will be permitted.

No sweatpants, joggers, athletic shorts, pajamas, or scrubs at any time.

Students must wear closed toe shoes that are clean and neat. Athletic shoes or dress casual shoes are to be worn at all times. Shoes may be any color. No western style boots allowed.

No flip flops, open toe sandals, or slide on shoes.

### FRIDAY DRESS DAYS

Fridays are a casual dress day. Students may wear regular jeans and a GCA t-shirt.

No sweatpants (or sweatpant-like pants), joggers, athletic shorts, pajamas, or scrubs.

**Administration has the final word on a student's dress for all school events and reserves the right to change any of the dresscode rules during the school year and to provide guidelines for events. Any exceptions must be approved ahead of time by administration.**